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REAGAN'S CABINET: IT'S GOT RELIGION

Four years ago much ado was made by the press about the religious makeup of this new Southern Baptist president's cabinet. But this time around scarcely a word has been mentioned, so you might be surprised to learn the Schwenkfelder Church is well represented.

The what?

It's true. The Schwenkfelder Church is a small, German Protestant denomination whose members are mostly from central and southeastern Pennsylvania. Both Health and Human Services head Richard Schweiker and Transportation chief Andrew Lewis are members of the tiny (five congregations, 2,748 members) Schwenkfelder Church.

This is not to say that more populous denominatons are not represented. Four Rutgers University political science professors under editor Gerald Pomper combed the backgrounds of Reagan's inner circle for a new book, The Election of 1980, and found these religious affiliations:

Roman Catholic Reaganites include Secretary of State Alexander Haig, Treasury Secretary Donald Regan, National Security Council chief Richard Allen, Labor Secretary Ray Donovan and CIA head William Casey.

From the United Methodist Church come Housing and Urban Development head Samuel Pierce, energy chief James B. Edwards and Office of Management and Budget chief David Stockman.

Episcopalians include Vice President George Bush, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Attorney General William French Smith.

✓ The Reagan cabinet's one Baptist
is United Nations Ambassador Jeane
Kirkpatrick, who taught at Georgetown
University, a Jesuit institution.

Commerce Secretary Malcolm
Baldrige is a member of the United
Church of Christ.

Agriculture Secretary John Block is a Lutheran.

Interior Secretary James Watt is a member of the Assemblies of God.

H. Bell, former commissioner of higher education for Utah, is a Mormon.

DIRECTOR COSTA-GAYRAS PLOTS CHILE-CIA FILM WITH SOME SENATE AID

One of the world's most politically controversial film directors, Constantin Costa-Gavras, is planning a movie about the death of an American in Chile during the reign of Marxist President Salvador Allende.

Based on Thomas Houser's book

The Execution of Charles Horman, Costa-Gavras' movie will suggest Horman was killed by anti-Allende forces possibly aided by undercover CIA agents. If that message is clear, the Russian-Greek director's film may have the public impact that two of his previous movies, "Z" and "State of Siege," did.

Helping Costa-Gavras is the widow of Orlando Letelier, whose husband was killed at the direction of anti-Allende forces when a bomb blew up the car in which he was riding on Massachusetts Avenue. Last month, in preparation for building a set in Hollywood or Mexico, Costa-Gavras had photographs taken of the interiors of Senate offices with the cooperation of both California senators, Alan Cranston and S. I. Hayakawa. Which, as the last presidential election made clear, proves show biz and politics make fine bedfellows.